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THE Committee, consisting of to whom was referred the report of the Board of Treasury respecting a requisition for the year 1788, *report*, That in order to ascertain whether any or what sums in specie, it may be necessary to require of the states the present year, they have taken a general view of the expenditures of every kind of the United States for several years past, and including an estimate for the present year, and have compared those expenditures with the provisions that have been made by Congress for discharging specie demands upon the union during the same period—that on ascertaining the amount of the said expenditures from January 1, 1784, to January 1, 1788, the amount of the Interest which accrued on the Foreign Debt previous to the year 1784, and the amount of the sums paid for services performed in the years 1782 and 1783, out of the requisition of 1784, they find that those expenditures, and the said interest and services of 1782 and 1783 and estimate, amount to the sums following, viz.— DOLS. DOLS. Interest accrued on the Foreign Debt prior to 1784, 265,548 Foreign Interest which becomes due 1784, 1785, 1786, and 1787, 1,707,571.70 Foreign Interest which becomes due in 1788, 468,981.75 Whole amount of Foreign Interest to 1788, inclusive, 2,442,101.55 Parts of the PRINCIPAL of the FOREIGN DEBT due. Of the French Debt in 1787 462,962.82 Ditto, ditto, 1788, 462,962.82 Instalments for the Foreign Debt, 925,925.74 Interest and parts of the principal of the Foreign Debt which becomes due from the contracting thereof, to 1788 inclusive, 3,368,027.49 Amount of payments for said services performed in 1782, and 1783, 230,680.33 Actual expenditures in the years 1784, 1785, and 1786, and 1787, in the Civil, Military, Indian, Contingent, Invalid and Geographer's departments, 2,111,782.34 Estimate for the year 1788, 326,427 Total amount, 6,036,917.16 Having ascertained the expenditures aforesaid, the committee have found it necessary to enquire what parts of

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them have been actually paid, and they find these amount to 3,168,442.46 And that the parts of the expenditures aforesaid, remaining unpaid, are as follows: Foreign Interest to the year 1788, inclusive, 1,521,116.33 The principal aforesaid of the Foreign Debt, becoming due in 1787, and 1788, 925,925.74 Arrearages of expenditures in the years 1784, 1785, 1786, and 1787, in the departments aforesaid, 181,005.43 Parts of the estimate of the present year unpaid, 240,427 2,868,474.60

The committee having ascertained the extent of the public expenditures and the amount of the unsatisfied demands which have heretofore arisen, and which arise the present year, against the union as aforesaid, proceeded to examine the extent of the provisions already made by Congress, and the parts thereof which may be applied to discharge the unsatisfied demands aforesaid, and they find that the DOLLARS. Specie requisition made since January 1, 1784, amount to 5,173,673.22 That the Foreign Loans contracted since January 1, 1784, amount to 1,600,000 Whole amount of provisions, 6,773,673.22

That of the said requisitions there is now due from the states, making a reasonable allowance for what they may have paid to Invalids, sums amounting to 3,292,594. 7 Which sums may be applied to pay the unsatisfied demands before stated.

That though a considerable part of the loans before mentioned was applied to discharge debts of the late war, and 338,640 dollar thereof must be reserved for paying interest on the Dutch loans which will become due in the years 1789 and 1790, yet 71,093 dollars, the proceeds of the said loans, may be applied to pay the unsatisfied demands above stated, hence the provisions already made and unapplied are, DOLLARS The arrearages of specie requisitions, amounting to 3,292,594. 7 Parts of the loans made in Holland, amounting to 71,093 Proceeds of Jone's captures, comprehended in the expenditures, &c. 20,772.55 3,384,459.62

By this statement it appears that there is a surplus provision already made beyond the demands in specie, of the year 1788, and of the preceding years, of 854,625. 2 dollars,

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including the provision for the Dutch Interest in 1789 and 1790; so that it will not be necessary to require any specie of the states the present year, beyond the arrearages of the past requisitions. As the past requisitions were calculated to the expenditures of the years in which they were made, and the Invalid pensions and some other expences were not included in the estimates, and as no requisition for specie was made last year, and none by the above statement appears to be necessary this, it may be proper to shew briefly how this happens.

As the Dutch Interest which will become due in the years 1789 and 1790, is already provided for by the late Dutch loans, and as the whole Foreign Interest, and parts of the Principal of the Foreign Debt which become due the present year are already provided for, and as the respective states owe large arrearages of requisitions, and have large internal demands upon them as individual states to satisfy, and their means of paying them must soon be diminished considerably, the committee are of opinion, that it is not adviseable to require the respective states to make provision for paying the Interest; and such parts of the Principal of the Foreign Debt, as will not become due till some time in the year 1789: In this case, the specie demands upon the United States for the present and preceding years, amount to 2,868,474.60 to be discharged by surplus provisions of Foreign Loans and preceding requisitions, which, as before stated, amount to 3,363,687.7

Not to particularize several instances in which the estimates have in no great degree exceeded the actual expenditures, the surplus provisions will be principally found under the few following heads: In the requisition for the year 1784, 1,000,000 of dollars were provided for the services of 1782 and 1783—769,320 of which were not applied to those objects; in the same requisition, 161,461.57 dollars were required and not appropriated, and in the requisition of 1786, there was a surplus called for by mistake of 333,111, and a large surplus has arisen in the past requisitions by applying a considerable part of the late Dutch Loans to paying Foreign Interests, &c. to pay which, appropriations in those requisitions had been made—past appropriations have also been eased considerably by other means. It is to be observed that the Loans made by the United States in Holland, in

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the years 1787 and 1788, amount when filled, to 800,000 dollars—that provision is made in the requisitions of Congress for sinking the Principal of the Foreign Debt, 925,925.74 dollars, so that when the states shall seasonably pay up the arrears of past requisitions, Congress will be enabled to lessen the Foreign Debt, notwithstanding the said Loans of 1787 and 1788—to pay the Interest due on the Foreign Debt to the year 1788, inclusive—to pay the current expences of the Federal Government of the present and preceding years, and to be provided in some measures for the demands of the year 1789.

Under these circumstances the committee are of opinion, that the monies lately borrowed in Holland be applied solely to discharging the Dutch Interest, and certain demands arising against the United States in Europe; that an adequate sum of the arrears due of the past requisitions be appropriated for the services of the present year, and that one year's Interest on the Domestic Debt be called for and made payable in Indents;—Whereupon they submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That of the arrearages due on the requisitions of 1784, 1785, and 1786, be and there is hereby appropriated for the services of the present year, the sum of three hundred and twenty-six thousand, four hundred and twenty-seven dollars, and for the following purposes, to wit, DOLLARS For the Civil department, 108,587.60 Military department, 119,839.30 Surveys of Western Lands, 4,000 Indian Treaties, 20,000 Invalid Pensions, 58,000 Contingencies, 16,000 326,427

Resolved, That the monies borrowed by the United States in Holland, in the years 1787 and 1788, be appropriated to the payment of Interest due, and which shall become due, to the year 1790, inclusive, on the Dutch Loans, and that the residue of the said Loans, made in the last and present years, after paying the said Interest, be applied towards paying the salaries of the Ministers of the United States in Europe, and the contingent expences of the said states, which have arisen or shall arise in Europe.

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Resolved, That the states be and they are hereby required to pay into the Treasury of the United States on or before the first of July next, the sum of one million, six hundred and eighty-six thousand, five hundred and forty-one dollars, and twelve ninetieths of a dollar, being the amount of one year's Interest on the Domestic Debt of the United States; and that the quotas of the several states of the aforesaid sum, be as follows, to wit: *
DOLLARS. New-Hampshire, 59,258 Massachusetts, 252,339.63 Rhode-Island, 36,326.18 Connecticut, 148,516.18 New-York, 144,185.57 New-Jersey, 93,728.36 Pennsylvania, 230,698.18 Delaware, 25,238.72 Maryland, 159,096.81 Virginia, 288,391.18 North-Carolina, 122,564.54 South-Carolina, 108,160.54 Georgia, 18,036.63 1,686,541.12

As the sum aforesaid of 1,686,541.12 dollars is to be applied to the payment of the Interest due on the Domestic Debt of the United States, the same may be received in Certificates, or Indents issued for Interest.

Resolved, That the several states be allowed to discharge their respective quotas of the said sum by Indents for Interest on Loan-office Certificates, and upon other Certificates of the liquidated Debts of the United States, *in such manner as they judge most expedient*, and to ascertain the evidence of Interest due on Loan-office Certificates, the holders thereof respectively shall be at liberty to carry them to the office from which they issued; and the holders of other Certificates of liquidated debts of the United States, to carry the same to the Loan-officer of that state wherein they are inhabitants, or if foreigners, to any Loan-office within the United States, and to have the interest thereon settled and certified to the last day of the year 1787.

Resolved, That the foregoing requisition for 1,686,541.12 dollars, when paid, shall be passed to the credit of the states respectively, on the terms prescribed by the resolve of Congress of the 6th day of October, 1779.

Resolved, That the Board of Treasury furnish the several Loan-officers with Indents to be issued for Interest as aforesaid, and also with such checks and instructions as they

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from time to time shall judge necessary, to prevent counterfeit certificates of debts from obtaining a settlement of Interest; and to detect counterfeit evidence of Interest, and thereby to avoid receiving them in discharge of taxes; which Indents of Interest being parted with by the holders of the Principal, shall be deemed evidence that he has received satisfaction for the same, and therefore shall be receivable from the bearer in Lieu of money in any other state in the union, as well as in the state in which they were issued.

Resolved, That the state paying such Indents of Interest into the Treasury of the United States, shall have credit therefor, which payment shall be considered as a discharge of Interest on the Domestic Debt, in the proportion that each state avails itself of the said Indents of Interest; but no state shall have a right to pay more than its quota, as specified in the existing requisitions of Congress, in the said Indents of Interest.

Resolved, That the Board of Treasury be and they are hereby directed to transmit to each state an account of their respective arrears on requisitions in Specie and Indents, and to state to them the necessity there is of their making payments of their arrears in Specie, to enable Congress to discharge the current expences of the Federal Government, and the Interest, and parts of the Principal of the Foreign Debt, which are become due, and remain unpaid. **ESTIMATE for the Year 1788. CIVIL DEPARTMENT.**

DOLLARS. PRESIDENT'S HOUSHOLD. Rent, houshold expences, salary of the Steward, &c. 8,000 CONGRESS. Secretary, 2,600 Deputy Secretary, 800 Two clerks at 450 dollars each, 900 Two Chaplains at the rate of 300 per annum—ten months, 500 Door-keeper and Messenger, 400 Printing and News-papers, 1,900 Stationary, wood, expences of repairs, &c. 800 7,900

TREASURY DEPARTMENT. Three Commissioners of the Board, at 2,250 each, 6,750 Secretary, 1,500 Three Clerks at 450 dollars each, 1,350 Messenger and Door-keeper, 150 Rent, wood, and stationary, 650 Accountant of the Treasury, 800 Two Clerks at 450 dollars each, 900 One Clerk employed on the accounts of the Secret Committee, &c.

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450 Register of the Treasury, 1,200 Four Clerks at 450 dollars each, 1,800 Books and stationary, 100 Treasurer of the United States, 1,250 One Clerk, 450 Rent, wood, and stationary, 100 Thirteen Loan-officers, their salaries, &c. agreeable to the act of Congress of the 23d of March, 1787, 12,450 Stationary estimated at 850 30,750

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Secretary, 3,500 Under Secretary, 800 Two Clerks at 450 dollars each, 900 Interpreter of the French language, 250 Door-keeper and Messenger, 150 Rent, wood, and stationary, 400 6,000 Carried forward 52,650 Brought forward 52,650

FOREIGN MINISTERS. DOLLARS. Minister at the Court of France, 9,000 His Secretary, 1,400 Charge des Affaires at the Court of Madrid, 3,000 Agent at the Hague, 1,300 Consul General in France, 1,000 15,700

WAR DEPARTMENT. Secretary, 2,450 Three Clerks at 450 dollars each, 1,350 Door-keeper and Messenger, 150 Rent, wood, and stationary, 800 4,750

WESTERN GOVERNMENT. Governor, 1,000 Secretary, 750 Three Judges at 800 dollars per annum—nine months, 1,800 3,550

INDIAN DEPARTMENTS. Superintendant of the northern, 1,000 Two Deputies, 500 dollars each, 1,000 Superintendant of the southern—six months, 500 An Agent to the Cherokees—six months, 250 2,750 Geographer's salary, 1,500 PERSONS employed in settling the ACCOUNTS of the late WAR. Five district Commissioners at 1,250 dollars, 6,250 Twelve Clerks at 450 dollars each, 5,400 Contingencies, 800 Commissioner of the Quarter-master's department, &c. 1,250 Six Clerks at 450 dollars each, 2,700 Rent, wood, and stationary, 250 Commissioner of the Marine department, &c. 1,250 Four Clerks at 450 dollars each, 1,800 Stationary, 200 Commissioners to settle the Virginia accounts according to the act of cession, 1,350 Commissioner of army accounts—seven months, 750.15 Assistant Commissioner, 800 Five Clerks at 450 dollars—Three Clerks at 400 dollars, 3,450 One Clerk at 450 dollars—for nine months, 337.45 Rent, wood,

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and stationary, 300 Two Commissioners for counting and destroying old money, 800 27,687.60 **WAR DEPARTMENT.** 108,587.60 Secretary's estimate for 1788, and for 940 non-commissioned officers and privates. Pay to the Troops, 59,712 Subsistence for Officers, 5,856 Rations for the Men, 40,992 Cloathing, 940 suits, at 26 dollars each, 24,440 131,000

The men actually in service in the year 1788, do not exceed two thirds of 940, whence two thirds of the pay, rations, cloathing, &c. before estimated, is sufficient, and amounts to 87,333.30 The residue of the SECRETARY'S ESTIMATE. Hospital 1,000 Tents and marque's 875 Transportation 6,000 Twenty boats for the use of the troops, at 60 dollars each, 1,200 Rope, oars, &c. 100 Forage, 1,080 Teams, 1,125 Two hundred and fifty axes, 250 Two hundred camp kettles, 100 Canteens and wooden bowls, 200 Boards, nails, &c. for covering the troops, 300 Fire wood, 400 Stationary, 150 12,780

ORDNANCE. Salaries of Store-keepers, 3,624 Rents of buildings for deposits, 1,502 Laborers at the several deposits, 400 Repairs of arms, 10,000 Cleaning 30,000 arms, at 12-90ths each, 4000 Five hundred new powder casks, 200 19,726 119,839.30 Civil department, brought forward, 108,517.60 Military department, 119,839.30 Surveys in the Western Territory, 4,000 4,000 Two Indian treaties, 20,000 20,000 Contingencies, 16,000 Invalid pensions, estimated from the returns of five states, 58,000 Current expences, 326,427 **FOREIGN DEBT.** One year's Interest which will be due on the French Loans in 1789; 253,703.63 Do. on Dutch Loans in 1789, 153,760 Do. on the Spanish Loan, 8,700 Do. on the Debt due to Foreign Officers, 11,121.42 427,285.15 Third payment of the Principal of the French Loans due in 1789, 462,962.82 890,248.12 **DOMESTIC DEBT.** Liquidated and Loan-office Debt, January 1, 1788, unredeemed, exclusive of the Debt due to Foreign Officers of 185,357.71 dollars, 27,136,884.61 One year's Interest thereon, 1,686,541.12 **NOTE.** Part of the Loan-office Debt draws between 8 and 9 per cent. upon the real value of the Principal. As the Dutch Interest which will become due in 1789, &c. is provided for, and the New Government will soon take place, it may not be best to provide in the requisition of this year for the French Interest, &c. and parts of the Principal of the

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Foreign Debt which will become due in 1789. To the above stated current expences may be added 50,000 dollars on account of American prisoners and other contingent expences in Europe.

RECAPITULATION of the **ACTUAL EXPENDITURES** of the **UNITED STATES**, from January , 1784, to January 1788, to wit: Dollars. 90ths. No. 1. In the civil department, January 1784, 132,397.77 Ditto, 1785, 77,942.48 Ditto, 1786, 114,389.42 Ditto,, 1787, 125,053.14 449,783. 1 No. 10. Civil list in Europe, for said four years, and contingencies of Ministers, 127,598.60 577,381.61 No. 2. Military and Marine department, 1784, 316,970. 6 Ditto, ditto, 1785, 162,593.65 Ditto, ditto, 1786, 145,529.68 Ditto, ditto, 1787, 164,207.57 789,301.16 Carried forward 1,366,682.77 DOLLARS. Brought forward 1,366,682.77 No. 3. Contingencies, 1784, 41,898.35 Ditto, 1785, 94,294.65 Ditto, 1786, 16,186. 2 Ditto, 1787, 22,912.44 175,291.56 No. 10. Contingent expences in Europe for said four years, and old accounts paid, 172,081.87 347,373.57 NOTE. Of the Contingent expences, &c. in Europe, about 100,000 dollars of the 172,081.87 dollars, may be charged to old accounts which became due prior to 1784. No. 4. Indian department, 1784, 36,274.35 Ditto, 1785, 38,009.57 Ditto, 1786, 13,466.16 Ditto, 1787, 1,833.50 89,583.68 Advanced by Virginia, to be repaid, 8,000 97,583.68 No. 5. Geographer's department, 1784, 2,878.26 Ditto, 1785, 7,772.68 Ditto, 1786, 3,041 Ditto, 1787, 3,281.21 16,973.25 No. 6. Invalid Pensions, 1784, 1785, 1786, and 1787, at 58,000 a year, 232,000 No. 7. Miscellaneous payments on account of requisitions, but not included in the estimates, 1784,1785,1786 & 1787, 50,868.86 Whole current expences for four years, 2,111,482.39 No. 8. Payments made for services performed in 1782 and 1783, 230,680.33 No. 9. Estimate of the current expences for 1788. Civil department, 108,587.60 Military department, 119,839.30 Surveys of western land, 4,000 Contingencies, 16,000 Two Indian treaties, as by the acts of Congress 1787, 20,000 Invalid Pensions, 58,000 326,427 2,668,589.72 Deduce for services performed in 1782 and 1783, as above, 230,680.33

Total current expence for five years, amounts to 2,437,909.39 **EXPENDITURES**
CONTINUED. Interest become due on the FOREIGN DEBT from contracting same, In

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the year 1782, 82,774 In the year 1783, 182,774 Interest accrued prior to 1784, 265,548 In the year 1784, 360,626.25 In the year 1785, 448,981.75 In the year 1786, 448,981.75 In the year 1787, 448,981.75 In the year 1788, suppose the Dutch loan of 1787 filled, 468,981.75 Total of the Foreign Interest become due to 1788, inclusive 2,442,101.55 Parts of the Principal of the Foreign Debt become due in the year 1787, 462,962.82 Ditto which becomes due in 1788, 462,962.82 3,368,027.39 Total of Foreign Interest and Principal become due to the present year, inclusive, 3,368,027.39 Total of the expenditures of every kind, of the United States (the Domestic Debt excepted) for five years, to wit, 1784, 1785, 1786, 1787 and 1788, including 596,228.33 dollars, paid for services performed, and Foreign Interest become due in 1782 and 1783, amounts to 6,036,617.21 Of which there has been actually paid, to wit, For services in 1782 and 1783, 230,680.33 Of the current expences, 2,016,776.81 No. 10, of the Foreign Interest, 920,985.22 3,168,442.46 Of the said expenditures there remains due, viz. A. Of the home Civil List, to Jan. 1st, 1788 and of the Civil List in Europe, do. 42,656.3 In the Military Department, do. 95,669.11 Of the Contingencies do. 1,180.29 In the Indian Department do. 8,500 In the Geographers Department do. 3,000 B. Of Invalid pensions—say 6 months on an average, 29,000 181,005.43 C. Estimate for 1788. 240,427 Of the Foreign Interest to 1788, inclusive 1,521,116. 3 Of the Principal due in 1787, 462,962. 2 Of the Principal due in 1788, 462,962. 2 Total amount of the specie demands against the United States of the present and preceding years, 2,868,474.60 A. In ascertaining the sums due and unpaid, the unsatisfied warrants are included. B. It is supposed the States have paid on an average, their invalids to July 1st, 1787, or three years and half pensions, since Jan. 1st, 1784, amounting to 203,000 C. Of the estimate of the current expences for 1788, it is supposed seventy thousand dollars are paid, 70,000 273,000 41,810 dollars paid to invalids have been charged and included on the requisitions, hence the balance being 161,190 dollars paid them by the States, accounts of which are not exhibited, and also the 70,000 dollars not yet credited on the requisitions, must be deducted from the balances found due on requisitions, January 1st, 1788. Demands to be satisfied with specie, brought over 2,868,474.60 The provisions for satisfying these demands, are as follows. No. 13,

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the specie requisitions of 1784, 1785, and 1786, amount to 5,173,673.22 Paid thereon by the several States prior to Jan. 1788 1,649,890.13 Paid since Jan. 1st, 1788, suppose the sum credited in the civil List, 70,000 Paid to invalids, not credited on requisitions, 161,189 1,881,079.13 Total balance due from the States on specie requisitions. 3,292,594. 7 To this balance may be added the proceeds of certain loans made in Europe by the United States, as follows. No. 14, of the loans made in Holland, after paying the Dutch interest to the year 1788 inclusive, and after reserving 338,640 dollars for paying the Dutch interest, which will fall due in the year 1789 and 1790 and also, after reserving 50,000 dollars on account of the prisoners and other contingent expences in Europe, which may not be included in this year's estimate, there will remain, to be now applied 71,093 Amount of the provision already made for paying the unsatisfied specie demands, of the present and preceding years. 3,363,687. 7 To this may be added 20,772.55 dollars, the proceeds of Capt. Jones' captures in Europe, received by Mr. Jefferson, the same being charged to the United States, included in the above stated expenditures and paid in America. 20,772.55 Whole amount of provision. 3,384,459.62 Demands to be satisfied in specie, as before stated, 2,868,474.60 Balance, or surplus provision, 515,985. 2 Hence the surplus provisions to be carried forward to the years 1789, &c. are the said balance, 515,985. 2 The said 338,640 dollars reserved as above for the paying the Dutch interest, in 1789 and 1790. 338,640 854,625. 2